

**THE SEWER BOARD OF THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA HELD A MEETING IN THE 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING, NEW ALBANY, INDIANA ON TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2007 AT 3:30 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Mayor James Garner, Vice Chairman Bill Utz, Todd Solomon, Kevin Zurschmiede, and Larry Kochert.

**OTHERS:** Attorney Greg Fifer, Tim Crawford, Brian Dixon and Rob Sartell, EMC, and City Clerk Marcey Wisman.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**Mayor Garner called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:**

**Mr. Utz moved to approve as amended, Mr. Zurschmiede second, all voted in favor.**

**COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC:**

**Amany Ali, McCartin Group**, presented a plat for Matthew Center, Lots 1, 2 & 3 to be signed.

**COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS**

**Larry Kochert** addressed the board about the piece of property owned by the City at the corner of Rainbow Drive and Charlestown Road. He stated that it has been suggested to him that Carry Stemler owns this now and he doesn't that transpiring in any of the meetings that he has been involved with.

**Mr. Fifer** stated that it does not belong to the City. He stated that they authorized paying Mr. Phillips up to \$12,500 for that piece of property and Mr. Chuck Murphy is working on a purchase agreement and then he will get a check from Kay to satisfy that, but at this time it is still in Mr. Phillips name. He added that Mr. Stemler does not own it.

**Mr. Kochert** stated that he had been told that when we did not get the easement they tried to sweeten the pot by giving him that parking lot in there and he informed them that did not happen in the sewer board meetings and he didn't know if that happened outside of the meeting.

**Mr. Fifer** stated that what we are buying is down in the creek bed and that he believes that Mr. Stemler already owns the elevated part by the road.

**Mr. Utz** stated that he thought that we had given him permission to use that but he does not own it.

**Mr. Fifer** stated that he was right. Mr. Stemler was given permission to use it for over-flow parking but he was to pave it at his expense which he has never done.

**SEWER ADJUSTMENTS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Item #1 - David Michaels re: sewer adjustments on current bill.**

**Mr. Michaels was not present.**

**Mayor Garner** asked the Clerk to put this back on the agenda for the next meeting.

**Item #2 - Pat Harrison re: delinquent sewer bills.**

**Mr. Fifer** stated that he has received a phone message from her on this general topic but he has never received any documentation but he understands it's regarding sewer liens on rental property.

**Mrs. Dickey** explained that she received the pre-lien letters and she paid 3 or 4 of them but there were others that she did not pay and now she does not want to pay the legal fees that go along with those. She informed the board that all of the lien letters were sent to the same address so she should have received all of them at the same time.

**Mayor Garner** asked the Clerk to put this back on the agenda for the next meeting.

**Item #3 - Brian Dixon re: Sunset Drive Sewer Main**

**Mr. Dixon** stated that he received a call from Reid Streigal regarding failing septic tanks and wanted the city to install sewer lines. He informed him that they do not install private lines they just take care of the sewers for the City.

**Mr. Fifer** stated that to his knowledge there isn't anyone out there that has a sewer main within 300 feet of their property so the City doesn't even have jurisdiction to make a connection. He explained that the only way for this to happen is for the area to be declared a public health hazard.

**Mr. Solomon** stated that he believes that there was a discussion years ago about connecting this area to sewer lines.

**Mr. Fifer** stated that there was a provision under Indiana Law that allows the City to do sewers and sidewalks for specific properties and the city can do this, divide the cost up but he has questions as to whether or not the individuals out there would be willing to go with a cost of something like \$20,000 per home.

**Sam Lahanis** stated that this came before the board 4 or 5 years ago and there was a study done that showed that it would cost approximately \$20,000 per home.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that there wasn't anything to take action on he just wanted to inform the board.

**Item #4 - 511 Windover sewer bills**

**Mr. Fifer** stated that if you take what has been paid to date and you took the average usage over 6 years there is a balance owing of \$2,500.00. He asked what the board wanted him to do about this.

**Mr. Solomon** asked if they hadn't paid sewer bills for 6 years.

**Mayor Garner** stated that they came in and paid the tap fee in July of 2005.

**Mr. Solomon** asked how this happened.

**Mr. Fifer** stated that they were connected to a private sewer without permission.

**Mr. Solomon** motioned to send a letter to 511 Windover for the balance of \$2,500, **Mr. Utz** second, all voted in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Item #1- Donohue re: Project Update**

**Mr. Dixon** stated that he received a call from Paul Elling whose mother is in the hospital and asked to be excused from the meeting. He did send emails regarding the pipe eyes quote which is on file with the City Clerk's office.

**Mr. Fifer** stated that he doesn't see how this can be seen as an emergency unless there is a blockage or a broken line.

**Mr. Sartell** stated that he does not agree with the point that all debris will be disposed of at the waste water treatment plant because he does not want sand ending up in the oxidation ditch.

**Mr. Solomon** stated that they could specify that debris be dumped off site.

**Mr. Dixon** clarified that they want Pipe Eyes to do the site, they will contract directly with the city, they will dispose of the debris someplace other than the WWTP.

**Mr. Solomon** moved to agree to a contract with Pipe Eyes for an amount not to exceed \$55,000 and Pipe Eyes will dispose of the debris somewhere other than the WWTP.

**There was a lengthy discussion as to where Pipe Eyes would dispose of the debris.**

**Mayor Garner** asked if Mr. Dixon wanted to bring this back to the board because they can't do anything until they see a contract from Pipe Eyes.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that he received information from Steve Gress regarding auto-cad drawings for the master plan. He explained that they are using auto-cad 2000 and there are no longer upgrades for this program available and there aren't any problems yet but there could be in the future.

**Mr. Solomon** stated that we would want to have the computer data available so that if another company comes in to work for the city we will have the data available.

**Mr. Dixon** clarified that they want the data but they do not want to purchase the software to run it.

**Mr. Solomon** stated that we do not have anyone to run a swim model and even a sewer manager shouldn't do that.

**Mr. Christmas** stated they could provide the computer data.

**Mr. Solomon** asked if all the mapping was in auto-cad, including mini-basin maps

**Mr. Dixon** stated that all he has is hard drawings but not profiles and things of that nature.

**Mr. Solomon** stated at the very least they need to have mini-basin maps.

**Mr. Utz** said that there was a lot of information missing from the one for basin 35

**Mr. Solomon** asked what he thought about them having the auto-cad.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that they really do not use it at the plant.

**Mr. Solomon** stated that they need to have over-view mapping because we will continue to run into problems if we keep piecing information together.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that the capacity is something that Clark Deitz is doing for 15,500 credits.

**Mr. Solomon** stated that he is talking about projects that are smaller than that and that they currently have no way of tracking them.

**Mr. Solomon** asked for a memo letting them know what he would like to see done to update the system.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that their current drawings are now filed away with the correct systems and from there he would like to get all the information in a map that Donahue provided.

**Mr. Solomon** stated that it is his position that they do get auto-cad

**Mr. Dixon** stated that he is doing this in baby steps because some of the guys at the plant are used to using maps that they have and they are not all comfortable with using computers.

**There was a lengthy discussion regarding what mapping is available for the sewer utility and how it is being used and how it should be used.**

**Mr. Solomon** asked if Mr. Dixon had come up with a plan to work with Planning and Zoning to receive information on proposed development.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that when they apply for permits they have to receive a letter of capacity assurance from Mr. Sartell and they have to provide him with maps.

**Mr. Solomon** stated that they need to require that the data be presented in a digital format.

## **Item #2 - Clark Dietz re: Project Update**

**Wes Christmas** reported that they have not done the restorative work on the Robert E. Lee line but they are planning on doing that as soon as it is dry enough. He presented a handout detailing the Robert e. Lee Pump Station and Force Main Analysis which gives information on the impeller and pumps. He recommended that if they can, do the whole project, do not increase the size of the impeller's but rebuild the motors and use the original size impellers.

**Mr. Sartell** stated that he believes that it would be wise to change the worn out impellers to hold them over until they have the money to do the entire project.

**Mayor Garner** asked what they have found out from the flow metering since the interceptor has been finished.

**Mr. Christmas** stated that the information they received is flawed. They believe that the monitors were submerged.

**Mr. Solomon** stated that the problem he sees is that if they go ahead and put in the basin 4 line without upgrading Robert E. Lee pump station and force main, the first time they get a development of 15,500 credits to Lafollette it is going to have to go to Clark Deitz to certify and if he were in their position he wouldn't certify it.

**Mr. Fifer** stated he reported that the \$1,000,000 from the jail bond money has to be put in their EDIT fund and can only be used for projects. Mrs. Garry told him that there would need to be public hearings and they worked out the dates of May 6 and May 13 for publishing in the paper so that they can do the appropriation.

**Mayor Garner** stated that he has told Mr. Rosenbarger that they want they TIF money from the Redevelopment for the next two years.

**Mr. Utz** asked if a developer could take legal action against the utility if they do not get the repairs done to Basin 4 and the Robert E. Lee pump station.

**Mr. Fifer** stated that it is possible but he believes the board has a defense of availability of funds.

**Mr. Christmas** reported that they should be ready to start the \_\_\_\_\_ line sometime

this summer after they find an alternate route to run the line to avoid pavement replacement. He also presented a contract to be approved for Basin 18. He said they are ready to move on this as soon as the board approves.

**Mr. Solomon** stated that they need documentation showing that they sized the line properly for future growth.

**Mr. Christmas** stated that they presented that at the last meeting

**Mr. Solomon** stated that they would also need a memo and a map to show the entire basin and what overflows will be eliminated by doing this project.

**Mr. Christmas** also presented the board with the Lafollette Station Area Wastewater Lift Station Study draft for them to review and present questions and comments at the next meeting. Said study draft is on file with the City Clerk's office. He reviewed the study with the board

**Mr. Kochert** asked Mr. Fifer if he had the sewer back-up policy

**Mr. Fifer** stated that he does not have that finished.

#### **EMC REPORT:**

**Rob Sartell** stated that the 10<sup>th</sup> Street lift station float system has been started and should be finished next week and that the cross connection on Charlestown road has been completed and that there should be no more over-flows at this point.

**Mr. Fifer** asked that they prepare a memo for him showing the day and location of the overflow and what was done in response.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that the old T.V. camera went down and they sent it to Pipe Eyes to be repaired. He was told that it was working but that it went down again and it may be because there is rust on the motherboard. He stated that there is a possibility that the camera may not be able to be fixed. He said that he may be able to purchase a used re-built camera that they can use for the next couple of years. He is going to send the camera to Ques to see if it salvageable and if not he will

**Mr. Utz** asked if this will affect his schedule.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that it will affect his schedule but he will have to do an analysis to know exactly how much effect it will have.

#### **BIDS:**

#### **CLAIMS:**

**Mr. Dixon presented the following claims:**

Donahue & Associates	Invoice #2	\$4,950.00
CDI	Invoice #41319	\$4,954.00
	Invoice #41320	\$20,187.50
	Invoice #41321	\$9,500.00
	Invoice #41322	\$3,750.00
MET	Invoice #155697	\$2,756.00
MAC Construction	Invoice #AR-4194	\$86,400.00
Norfolk Southern	Invoice #9702022796	\$100.00

K&E Environmental

Invoice #462

\$2,112.52

**Mr. Solomon moved to approve the claims, Mr. Utz second, all voted in favor.**

**Marc McCormick** presented the January and February financial report. Said report is on file with the City clerk's office.

**Mr. Solomon motioned that they send a letter to Kay indicating that they do not spend any future money out of sewer funds including sanitation, drainage and streets.**

**Mayor Garner** said he would like to give the information to Kay first and see what her take is on everything before they make any decisions.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before the Sewer Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mayor James Garner, Chairman

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Marcey J. Wisman, City Clerk